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SUBJECT: USUNESCO: COMMENTS ON HIGH LEVEL GROUP
COMMUNIQUE DELIVERED

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1. Charge met November 22 with Peter Smith, ADG for Education. Smith made following comments in response to reftel points:

-- Within 24 hours there will be two more countries on the Sherpas group: Japan and the US. This will be announced in Beijing but there will be a meeting on Sunday afternoon in Beijing.

-- Stated the difficulties of a writing a complex communique beginning on Tuesday afternoon - that it's not the way the did it in Gleneagles for the G8 and other major meetings

-- Said if there is a problem with coordination then it's up to State Department and USAID to handle that

-- Said he shares our concern on the school fees issue and assured us that he will be "personally involved" in the drafting. The DG is concerned as well.

-- Said there needs to be some kind of targets - even if no exact figures are used, but there needs to be something to work toward.

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